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The Healthy Schools Act of 2000, Education Code sections 17608-17613 and Food and Agricultural Code sections 13180-13188 was signed into California law on September 25, 2000 [Appendix B – Assembly Bill No. 2260]]. The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 codifies DPR's existing voluntary school IPM program and adds some new requirements regarding pesticides, such as notification, posting, and record keeping for schools, and enhanced pesticide use reporting. The following is a overview of DPR's School IPM Program (DPR, 2000):

DPR will assist districts to establish IPM policies and programs. DPR will publicize its school IPM program at meetings attended by maintenance and operations managers and their staff, school administrators, educators and parents.

DPR will identify and train individuals designated by school districts to carry out the IPM program. DPR will conduct voluntary train-the-trainer programs so that those who carry out the IPM program (typically managers of maintenance and operations) understand principles of IPM and can train staff within their districts. DPR will also host regional workshops to facilitate adoption by school districts of model IPM programs and to provide information on IPM practices for schools.

DPR will develop an IPM guidebook. DPR will tailor existing school IPM guidebooks to conditions in California. Pests covered will include insects, mites, rodents, birds, diseases of landscape plants and turf, weeds, and certain microorganisms, including molds, found in kitchens and bathrooms.

DPR will establish an IPM in schools web site. DPR will adapt the most relevant ideas from other school IPM Web sites. DPR will emphasize user friendliness and will regularly update links to helpful sites.

DPR will evaluate IPM adoption in schools. This evaluation will help DPR identify major pest problems and what schools are doing about them. Baseline and follow-up surveys will help DPR measure IPM adoption in schools and evaluate whether IPM outreach has been effective.